

*Remarks*

This Amendment responds to the Office Action mailed December 20, 2004. Claims 1-6 were pending. After entry of the amendments herein, claims 2-6 will be pending.

The objection to the drawings is respectfully traversed, and reconsideration is requested. It is noted that the “automatically controlled electronic door 13” is shown by reference number 13 at the upper left part of Figure 1.

The claim rejections under 35 U.S.C. 112 have been overcome by appropriate amendments. These amendments are made for purposes of clarity and not for patentability or to overcome prior art references.

The prior art rejection of claim 1 is respectfully traversed. In this amendment, claim 1 is cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicant is cancelling claim 1 only for the purpose of expediting issuance of the remaining claims which have been indicated as allowable by the Examiner, and not in response to the prior art rejection. Applicant reserves the right to prosecute claim 1 or claims of broader scope in a continuation application.

Claims 2 through 6 are amended to increase their clarity and overcome indefiniteness objections. Claim 4 is rewritten in independent form and should now be allowable, and claims 2 and 3 are amended to depend from claim 4 and are therefore also allowable.

It is respectfully submitted that upon entry of this amendment, claims 2 through 6 are allowable in accordance with the previous indication of allowability of the subject matter of claims 4, 5, and 6. Therefore, a Notice of Allowance is earnestly requested.

If a telephone or personal conference would expedite prosecution, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned, who will cooperate appropriately to advance the case.

Please charge any deficiency in fees, or credit any overpayment thereof, to BLANK ROME LLP, Deposit Account No. 23-2185 (125950-00101). In the event that a petition for an extension of time is required to render this submission timely, Applicant hereby petitions under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) for such an extension for as many months as are required to render this submission timely, and requests that the PTO charge the extension fee to the deposit account as authorized above.

Respectfully submitted,



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